

Information for Release

12/8/2010

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 8/25/2010

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 8/25/2010

**Child's name:** John

**Age at time of incident:** 1 Year

**Perpetrator(s):** Lindsay Farnham, age at time of incident: 27.

John Sullivan, age at time of incident: 39.

**Age:** See above.

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** Both the child and perpetrators resided in Tucson at the time of the incident.

**A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On August 25, 2010, John ingested methadone that was left within his reach. When he was found unresponsive, he was taken to the hospital where he was treated and recovered.

**B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian\* :**

CPS had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of John by Lindsay Farnham or John Sullivan.

**1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:**

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

**2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

John was taken into CPS custody upon his discharge from the hospital. A dependency petition was filed and he was placed with a relative.

**3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The family is receiving services through the dependency case.

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\*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.